

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-4. (Canceled)

Claim 5. (New) A homepage access method using lottery numbered e-mails, said method being used for accessing a server device having a homepage for providing a mail sending/receiving service to a terminal device such as a personal computer or mobile phone over a network, said server device comprising:

means for starting up a mailer of said server device by said terminal device accessing said homepage and a sender clicking on a predetermined button on said homepage;

means for instructing that the sender will create an e-mail by the start up of said mailer;

means for determining the suitability of the e-mail upon completion of creating the e-mail;

means for writing at the end of the e-mail a lottery number and an address of said homepage, and further attaching a notification of a drawing thereto and sending the e-mail to the addressee mail address of the recipient, in the event that said determining means determines the e-mail to be suitable;

means for saving said lottery number and said addressee to a file within the server device at the time of sending the e-mail to the e-mail recipient;

means for performing processing for randomly determining a winning lottery number from said saved lottery numbers; and

means for matching an e-mail address input by said e-mail recipient with the lottery number and addressee e-mail address of said e-mail recipient saved in said file, in the event that said e-mail recipient accesses the address of said homepage written in the sent e-mail and checks winning of the lottery number, so as to check the identification of a winner.

Claim 6. (New) A homepage access method using lottery numbered e-mails according to Claim 5, wherein, upon a user registration request from said terminal device, said server device displays a user registration screen and instructs input of required items such as the e-mail address, nickname, etc., of the user; and

wherein, upon the user making input according to said instructions, said required items are stored in a user registration file, sending mail server settings within said terminal device are rewritten with the mail server of said server device, the user of said registration request is provided with a nickname, and the user of said registration request is notified of the nickname.

Claim 7. (New) A homepage access method using lottery numbered e-mails according to Claim 5, wherein said server device has an original mailer set so as to be capable of accessing said homepage for sending/receiving e-mails, said said server device comprising:

means for displaying a mailer download screen upon said terminal device making accessing for an original mailer download request, instructing input of required items, and registering the necessary items in a user registration file upon completion of input of the required items, and downloading said original mailer.